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Food Handlers and Vaccinations

Two concurrent Hepatitis A breakouts in September 2016, have spurred a discussion on whether vaccinating food handlers would quell the spread of the infection and consequential litigation.

Hepatitis A can be prevented through vaccination. However, should vaccination of certain high-risk groups, such as food handlers, be mandatory? Is this feasible and, if so, would it be effective? Who would bear the cost? Who would oversee the mandate?

Bloomberg BNA reporter Steven M. Sellers posed these questions in his recent article, "Vaccines: Shot in the Arm for Food Safety," and interviewed nationally recognized authorities in the foodborne safety industry.

Dickie McCamey's **Christopher T. Lee**, Founder and Chair of the firm's Food and Beverage Industry Group, provided his insights on the issue in the October 21 publication of the *Product Safety and Liability Reporter*[™].

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